

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016
MINUTES

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2015 at 7:09 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore and Messrs. Jeff Covode, Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, and Jack Lee and Ms. Melanie Hermes and Maria Waltherr. Also present were: Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach, Acting Law Director Kevin McDonough, Finance Director Matt Sanders and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

After a prayer led by Ms. Waltherr, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 24, 2015 and the Council/Work Session of December 8, 2015 were approved as submitted.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Annie Wilkerson, Field Representative for Congressman Brad Wenstrup, provided information and an update on the services available to citizens through the Congressman Wenstrup's district office.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Thad Willard, 27 Damon Road, congratulated the elected and re-elected members of Council. He then urged Council to dispose of the *junk* property currently owned by the Village of Greenhills, stating this is a drain on the village budget.

State Representative Jonathon Devers, provided an update on issues at the State level, including the successful initiative for additional school funding and the *Dollar Deep Program* that will help keep homeowners in their homes. Mr. Devers remains open to citizens questions, concerns and requests.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

Public Records Requests

- July 28, 2015 – Request from Ms. Diana Koller for an electronic copy of the management letter and audit report for the 2014 audit and all records from the Finance and Audit Committee executive session of July 28, 2015.

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- August 14, 2015 – Walk-in request for a copy of the Village of Greenhills financial statements.
- August 27, 2015 – Request from Ms. Diana Koller for all documents and records concerning the Greenbelt violation on Joywood since March 2015.
- August 31, 2015 – Anonymous request for all public records and documents concerning the Greenbelt violation on Joywood since March 2015.
- October, 2015 – Request from Ms. Pat Bender for a copy of the Village of Greenhills Charter.
- November 10, 2015 – Anonymous request for documents and records pertaining to the Greenbelt violation on Joywood since August 2015.
- December 18, 2015 – Request from Ms. Diana Koller for electronic copy of the National Historic Landmark application.
- Provided to Council a memo regarding the leadership succession in the case of her absence in accordance with the Charter of the Village of Greenhills. This matter requires Council action.
- Rainwater Project
 - A partnership between the Mill Creek Watershed Council and the Village of Greenhills.
 - A grant from the Ohio EPA has been received to fund this project.
 - The main purpose is to capture water runoff that flows across Winton Road through the shopping center, under Enfield, into the golf course area, and making its way into Winton Woods Lake.
 - This project is designed to capture the water that spills over the market stand and channel the water to rain barrels; when the barrels overflow, the water will flow out to a water garden at the lower end of the market stand.
 - The spickets on the rain barrels will accommodate watering public gardens. The tops of the barrels can be used as planters.
 - When the rain barrels overflow, the water will run to a specifically designed 5,000 gallon holding area that can also be tapped by the Service Department for watering purposes.
 - Overflow from this area goes through the piping in the golf course exiting into the natural drainage basin.
 - The intent of this project is to also demonstrate to residents and the public the advantages of rain barrels.
- The Recreation Commission will meet later in the week to discuss plans for the coming year. Will meet with the Recreation Commission chair on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. for planning purposes.
- Dumping has been occurring in the catch basins; offenders should be reported to the Police Department.

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Law Director – Kevin McDonough for Jeff Forbes - No report.

Clerk of Council – Kathryn L. Lives

- The December 2015 Community Calendar and Ordinance Nos. 2015-10-S&S and 2015-11-L&R and Resolutions No. 2015-42-F, 2015-43-S&S, 2015-44-L&R, 2015-45-F, 2015-46-F, 2015-47-F, 2015-48-F, 2015-49-F, 2015-50-F, 2015-51-F, and 2015-52-F were posted as required.
- The 2016 Council/Work Session meeting schedule was prepared, posted and distributed.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

- Referred to the October Springdale bank robbery that resulted in a manhunt in Greenhills. As the suspect was fleeing from Springdale Police, Greenhills Officer Andy Moore deployed stop sticks at Sharon and Winton Roads, causing the suspect to wreck then flee on foot. Although the suspect evaded capture that day, he is now behind bars after an investigation and subsequent apprehension after yet another robbery in Deerfield Township. Liston Watson, 33, of Cincinnati is being prosecuted for a string of crimes that included the robbery in Springdale and faces significant jail time.
- Officer Tony Patton has agreed to assignment as a Field Training Officer (FTO) and recently completed the FTO Course at Butler Tech Academy. Filling an officer vacancy is anticipated in the upcoming months, and the new candidate will be assigned to Officer Patton and other FTOs upon selection and appointment.
- The family of former Greenhills Police Chief John J. Baldwin, who is now deceased, recently made contact regarding his service to the department over 50 years ago. The family was provided with memorabilia from the era that Chief Baldwin served, and they have promised to make a trip to visit from their present home in Columbus, including a visit to former Mayor Oscar Hoffmann, who once was a neighbor of the family.
- On December 17, 2016, Marty Huff and the staff of the *Village Troubadour* provided lunch to on-duty Greenhills police officers and firefighters. It was a generous gesture and was greatly appreciated by all those who serve in public safety.
- The department sent out two Crime Alerts to residents during December. The first on December 10th alerted residents to a package delivered by UPS that was subsequently removed from a porch of a residence in the “J” section. The second passed along information received from the Ohio Department of Public Safety regarding holiday-themed malware that was affecting smartphones.
- Officers worked with residents in the “B” section in December with neighborhood problems.

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- Met with Greg Roy, owner of the new Bargains and Buyouts store that is being renovated at 50 Eswin Street, to obtain emergency contact information and discuss crime prevention issues. The location is currently undergoing extensive repairs and plans to open within the upcoming months.
- During the month of December, the department investigated seven accidents (up from five in December of 2014), 13 crimes (up from four last December), and 150 other incidents (down from 262 last December). Of a total of 528 contacts (965 last December), 261 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 190 last December, and 266 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 775 last December. The department provided assistance to the public in 111 instances (185 times last December), assisted other agencies 49 times (down from 73 times last December), and made 26 criminal arrests (compared to 34 last December) and 42 traffic arrests (54 last December). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.
- Chief Ferdelman recently celebrated his 40th anniversary in law enforcement, and is now approaching three years of service with the Village of Greenhills. Offered his sincere appreciation for the opportunity to continue in his chosen professional field of public safety.

Mayor – David Moore, Audited Court Receipts

- Related that Duke Energy is applying for two rate increases; information was passed on to Mr. Lee, Chair of Laws and Rules Committee.
- Audited Court receipts for November 2015 – Village of Greenhills - \$6,997.00; State of Ohio - \$1,492.00; Hamilton County \$51.00. total \$8,540.00
- Audited Court receipts for December 2015 – Village of Greenhills - \$8,892.00; State of Ohio - \$1,869.00; Hamilton County \$63.00. total \$10,824.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Halter

- The 2016 calendar for Community Development Committee meetings will be completed shortly.
- Maps of the walking paths are available on the Greenhills website. The walking path labels that did not adhere will be replaced when weather permits.

Traffic and Safety - Hermes

The 2016 schedule of committee meetings will be set up in the near future.

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Finance and Audit - Drees

- 2015 budget year-end amounts as follows:
 - Tax receipts up 6.3% to \$1,086, 543.00.
 - Real estate taxes down 1.93% (General Fund) \$355,434.00.
 - General Fund – down about \$30,000.00 which represents 96% spending of appropriated amount. General Fund balance at year end - \$107,000.00.
 - Full financial report for December is forthcoming. Generally, it was a good year from a financial standpoint. Will remain vigilant on village of finances.

Recreation and Cable Television - Waltherr

- Requested dates of Waycross Community TV Board of Directors quarterly meetings.
- Will provide dates of Recreation Commission meetings once know.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules - Lee

- The Laws and Rules Committee will meet on January 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

Services and Streets - Covode

Ms. Waltherr called attention to the amount of garbage set out days prior to pick up, stating this is not in compliance with village statutes. Ms. Kovach noted cans out after pickup in non-compliance have diminished. Cans set out prior to pick up in non-compliance will be placed on the January 26, 2016 work session agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01-F

Resolution Making Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers was read in full by Mr. Drees.

Mr. Drees moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Halter.

Drees – Explained as follows:

- Tax budget restrictions prevent appropriating full amounts of certain accounts (2901, 2904, 2909).
- Capital Projects appropriation is funds needed to reimburse the City of Cincinnati as the city has given the village more money than it cost to repair the water main under Winton Road. By doing so, the entire fund balance is appropriated because this is a zero balance fund when no capital projects are underway.
- Police Fund is about half of the appropriated transfer amount, is included in the tax revenues, and is about ten months of operating funds. In the future, all police operating funding will appear under one, specific account number.

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- Swimming Pool and Golf Course – funds are needed prior to the upcoming season and receipt of funds from these two operations.

Voting as follows: - “Aye” – Covode, Drees, Halter, Hermes Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.

Resolution No. 2016-01-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02-F

Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Tax Advances During the Year 2016 Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 321.34 was read in full by Mr. Drees.

Mr. Drees moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Waltherr.

Drees – This is the official request to Hamilton County to transfer funds owed to the Village of Greenhills.

Voting as follows: - “Aye” – Covode, Drees, Halter, Hermes Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.

Resolution No. 2016-02-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Drees, to amend the agenda to add as Item 3 a motion to concur with the Municipal Manager’s chain of command in the event of her temporary absence. No discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Ms. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Drees, to concur with the Municipal Manager’s chain of command in the event of her temporary absence, namely: Finance Director, Police Chief, Executive Assistant to the Municipal Manager, Service Foreman. No discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALENDAR

Laws and Rules Committee, January 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

Council Retreat, February 20, 2016, time and place to be announced.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/